

# Ohio Operation: Military Kids

## Purpose

Part of a national initiative and based within Ohio 4-H, the purpose of Operation: Military Kids is to support youth of military families throughout the deployment cycle. Using a variety of strategies, OMK programs aim to develop resilient youth who can cope with stress and thrive in the face of challenges. OMK works with many community partners around the state to enhance efforts to support military youth.

## Impact

Military youth live in every county in Ohio. Since 9/11, thousands of military youth have experienced a parent's deployment; many have experienced it multiple times.

In 2013, Ohio OMK reached over 3,000 youth and adult program participants. OMK organized or supported 18 camp opportunities for military youth and families.

Parents and children alike state that the opportunity to meet others who share the experience of being in a military family is what they like best about participating in OMK.

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and  
Environmental Sciences  
OSU Extension  
4-H Youth Development

### Community Partners Involved

Ohio National Guard  
USO of Central and Southern Ohio  
Additional organizations throughout  
Ohio



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